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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Technology, OSA

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE :

1. Respecting referenced TWX the following comments are made from strictly a contractual point of view -- it being assumed that Director, Program B, has "agreed" to this new Program and to the technical management concepts, as expressed in this TWX.

2. The undersigned's immediate reaction and query is as to whether or not General Greer's suggestions for contract selection and procurement do not amount to unnecessarily lengthy and conventional GI "open contract" procurement methods. Knowing really nothing about the [] evaluation procedures except for heresay comments from [] it is understood that the competition there involved permitted clearances of [] people on each contractor's staff; that each contractor was meticulously briefed with "identical" briefings and some 3 1/2" worth of paper compiled in evaluating proposals. Therefore, the query as to whether this new Program, as conceived by General Greer for procurement purposes, would not be following in the footsteps of previous "open" programs, such as, E-5, E-6, etc. If [] is to effectively and expeditiously contract for this Program, the undersigned would feel that the Agency way would be to have competition among certain camera contractors, yes, but that perhaps the two best qualified be asked to propose in much less formal fashion and that much less emphasis be placed on "DOD" type documentation. A covert program just should not have to stand for the same regimented and stereotyped documentation as is customarily gone through, just for the record, on "open" programs.

3. Subject TWX speaks of forwarding contractor evaluations to the D/NRO for award of contract. Here again this sounds quite

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like the Air Force and quite unlike the Agency. It seems preferable that the Agency have responsibility for awarding of contracts instead of the D/NRO.

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